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## 1. History

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- a. Since the spring of 1949, extensive efforts have been made to set up a plant for the manufacture of high quality steel on the site of the former Saechsische Gussstahl-Werke Doehlen A.G., Doehlen near Freital, which had been dismantled by the Russians at the end of the war.
- b. The first two 10-ton Siemens-Martin furnaces and a pneumatic hammer had been installed by the end of 1949. In 1950, the construction of a foundry for casting steel was begun but was suspended in favor of an electric steel plant.
- c. VEB Edelstahl Doehlen was affected severely by the order to stop construction work issued by the East German Government in 1953 following the events of June 17. Originally, it was planned for Doehlen to become the most important source of supply for the East German armament industry and to occupy a key position in the iron and steel industry.
- d. Discussions are in progress for the immediate and accelerated execution of at least the original project within the framework of East German rearmament.

## 2. Equipment Installed

a. The following equipment has been installed in VEB Edelstahl Doehlen:

Two 10-ton Siemens-Martin furnaces
Two 10-ton electric furnaces
One 3.5 ton electric furnace

b. Ingot steel for rolling purposes, produced by these furnaces, is supplied to VEB Stahl- und Walzwerk Wilhelm Florin, Hennigsdorf; VEB Stahl- und Walzwerk Riesa; VEB Maxhuette, Unterwellenborn; and other smaller plants.

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| 3.         | Pla  | nt Projects  |               |  |  |  |  |  |
| <i>)</i> • | a.   | The scheduled erection of eight more 10-ton electric furnaces for the steel plant has been postponed.  |               |  |  |  |  |  |
|            | b.   | The long-planned erection of two 20-ton Siemens-Martin furnaces was begun, but construction has again come to a standstill because of a shortage of even the most essential construction materials. However, every effort is being made to install these furnaces.   |               |  |  |  |  |  |
|            | c.   | The following equipment was originally scheduled for the steel foundry:  |               |  |  |  |  |  |
|            | Two 5-ton electric furnaces One 3.5 ton electric furnace One 10-ton electric furnace |  |               |  |  |  |  |  |
|            |  | Of these only the 3.5 ton furnace remained in the plan revised according to directives of New Course. Installation of this furnace, which should have been completed in 1954, has been delayed because of shortages of materials and is unlikely to be completed until the first quarter of 1955 at the earliest.  |               |  |  |  |  |  |
|            | d.   | Installations planned for the rolling mills are as follows:  |               |  |  |  |  |  |
|            |  | One 830 two-high cogging train. Cne 700 two-high cogging train One 600 three-high rolling train One 450 fine roll train  |               |  |  |  |  |  |
|            | е.   | The 830 and 700 cogging trains were to have been supplied by VEB Schwermaschinenbau Heinrich Rau, Wildau; the other two trains were to have come from Czechoslovakia. The initial plans for these rolling mills were modified several times and became abortive when the New Course came into being.   |               |  |  |  |  |  |
|            | f.   | The installation of rolling trains at Doehlen remains in suspension.  The same applies to a 2,000 ton forging press.   |               |  |  |  |  |  |
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